

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO: 98-00904

COUNSEL: None

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HEARING DESIRED: No

Applicant requests award of the Air Force Commendation Medal for the periods 1961-1964 and 1971-1973. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

The appropriate Air Force offices evaluated applicant's request and provided advisory opinions to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinions were forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). The applicant's response is at Exhibit E.

After careful consideration of applicant's request and the available evidence of record, we find insufficient evidence of error or injustice to warrant corrective action. The facts and opinions stated in the advisory opinion appear to be based on the evidence of record and have not been adequately rebutted by applicant/counsel. Absent persuasive evidence applicant was denied rights to which entitled, appropriate regulations were not followed, or appropriate standards were not applied, we find no basis to disturb the existing record.

Accordingly, applicant's request is denied.

The Board staff is directed to inform applicant of this decision. Applicant should also be informed that this decision is final and will only be reconsidered upon the presentation of new relevant evidence which was not reasonably available at the time the application was filed.

Members of the Board Mr. Vaughn E. Schlunz, Mr. Richard A. Peterson and Mr. Patrick R. Wheeler considered this application on 29 September 1998 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603 and the governing statute, 10 U.S.C. 1552.

  
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

- A. Applicant's DD Form 149
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. Advisory Opinions
- D. AFBCMR Ltr Forwarding Advisory Opinions
- E. Applicant's Response



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER  
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS

21 APR 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: AFPC/DPPPWB  
550 C Street West, Ste 09  
Randolph AFB TX 78150-4711

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

Requested Action. The applicant is requesting award of the Air Force "Accommodation Award" (Air Force Commendation Medal) for the period of 1961 - 1964 and 1971 - 1973. We will address the promotion issue should the request be approved.

Reason for Request. Applicant believes the administrative paperwork was never processed for the awards and he considers this to be an injustice by his superiors. He states that he is entitled to these awards.

Facts. See AFPC/DPPRA Memorandum, 17 Apr 98.

Discussion.

a. In accordance with Air Force Manual 37-139, Table 36-22, Rules 21, 29, and 32, "Records Disposition Schedule", promotion files are only maintained for a maximum period of 10 years. Ten years is considered an adequate period to resolve any promotion inquiries or concerns. In addition, this application has not been filed within the three year time limitation imposed by AFI 36-2603, paragraph 3.5.

b. The applicant has provided a score notice for the 72A7 promotion cycle (promotions for this cycle was normally exceeding Aug 71 - Jan 72 but were carried over to Jul 72) reflecting he missed promotion to MSgt by 2.50 points. His total score was 360.50 and the score required for selection in his Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) was 363.00. If he had been awarded an additional Air Force Commendation Medal (AFCM) at the time, worth 3 points, he would have been selected. However, he provided no documentation regarding an AFCM for the 1961 - 1964 time frame. An AFCM for the 1971 - 1973 time frame would not have been eligible to be considered for the 72A7 cycle. In order to be eligible for consideration for this cycle the effective date of the order authorizing the decoration must have been on or before 20 Mar 71, the Promotion Eligibility Cutoff Date (PECD) for this cycle. Consequently, even if the applicant had an approved AFCM covering the period 1971 - 1973 it would not have existed for the 72A7

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cycle, the cycle his missed selection to MSgt by 2.50 points. Again, he provided no documentation for an AFCM for the 1961 - 1964 time frame.

Recommendation. We defer to the recommendation of AFPC/DPPRA

  
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Chief, Inquiries/AFBCMR Section  
Enlisted Promotion & Mil Testing Br

Attachments:  
Extract Cy, AFM 37-139



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<b>R U L E</b>	If the records are or pertain to	consisting of	which are	then	
17	unprojected promotions and MPF/HAF promotion withholds/cancellations	listing of personnel who were <b>selected</b> for promotion but grade changes were effected and subsequent cycle was activated if member eligible for promotion	copies at other than HQ <b>AFMPC</b> record <b>copy</b>	destroy after 1 cycle. AUTH: N1-AFU-90-3	
18	special category <b>SKT</b> exempt personnel	listing of personnel who are <b>SKT</b> exempt because of <b>COMSEC</b> AFSC or assigned to an <b>SKT</b> exempt PAS			
19	nonreconcilable tests received	listing of test(s) received that were not compatible with AFSC <b>data</b>			destroy after 1 year. AUTH: N1-AFU-90-3
20	SSAN change list	listing of personnel who have had a corrected SSAN and indicates if <b>WFS</b> file has been corrected			destroy after 10 years. AUTH: N1-AFU-90-3
21	world wide master promotion name list	listing of personnel selected, nonselected, ineligible or nonweighable for promotion			destroy after 2 cycles. AUTH: N1-AFU-90-3
22					destroy after 10 years. AUTH: N1-AFU-90-3
23	masters _____ promotion sequence number list-	listing of promotion selectees by sequence number assigned			destroy after 6 months. AUTH: N1-AFU-90-3
24	<u>initial/supplemental</u> master promotion, select/nonselect list	listing of selectees and nonselectees by promotion AFSC considered for promotion			destroy after 3 months. AUTH: N1-AFU-90-3
25	<u>promotion withhold</u> list	listing of personnel whose promotion			destroy after 10 years. AUTH: N1-AFU-90-3
26	<u>batch transaction</u> validate	listing of transactions checked for validity that process to the master personnel file			destroy 6 months after board adjourns. AUTH: N1-AFU-90-3
27	<u>staff input</u> transaction register	listing of transactions that update the master personnel file	destroy 90 days after board adjourns. AUTH: N1-AFU-90-3		
28	<u>HAF reject</u> transaction register	listing of transactions that have rejected from the master personnel file	destroy 1 year after board adjourns. AUTH: N1-AFU-90-3		
29	<u>promotion history</u> files (Cycle, ZIA/after)	microfiche copies	destroy 90 days after board adjourns.		
30	<u>senior NCO master</u> file update list	listing of transaction input to the IEF			
31	<u>senior NCO inquiry</u> listing	listing of personnel eligible/ineligible for promotion			
32	<u>senior NCO initial</u> eligible file	lists of every E-7 and E-8 in the Air Force			
33	<u>senior NCO initial</u> eligible reconcilable	list of mismatch data, missing records or duplicate records			

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MEMORANDUM FOR 'AFBCMR

17 April 1998

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPPRA  
550 C Street West Ste 12  
Randolph AFB TX 78150-4714

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records (DD Form 149)

1. REQUESTED ACTION. Applicant requests award of the Air Force "Accommodation Award" [Commendation Medal] for the period 1961-1964 and 1971-1973.

2. BASIS FOR REQUEST. Applicant provided a copy of AF Form 642, Recommendation for Decoration, dated 27 Aug 73, and various letters of appreciation/commendation for the period 1971-1972.

3. FACTS.

a. Applicant served on Active Duty 12 Jul 51-20 Jul 55 and 28 Jan 58-31 Jan 74. He earned the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with 2 *Oak* Leaf Clusters, Air Force Longevity Service Award with 4 *Oak* Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, and Army of Occupation Medal with Germany clasp.

b. Applicant believes award of two Air Force Commendation Medals would have ensured his promotion. His 29 Jul 71 WAPS scores show he missed promotion selection by 2.5 points. The Air Force Commendation Medal is worth three promotion points.

c. The AF Form 642 provided by the applicant is signed, but not indorsed, and is inconsistent. For example, the front of the form states the decoration is for outstanding achievement (Block 2), but the narrative portion (Block 25) states the decoration is for meritorious service.

d. Applicant did not provide any documentation regarding award of the Air Force Commendation Medal for the period 1961-1964, except his Enlisted Performance Reports for the period 20 Sep 60-30 Jun 72.

e. Applicant did not provide any documentation showing he ever used administrative channels to resolve his request for either decoration.

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